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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED  
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A reply to an Office action was due on 10/17/2002 and the last day of the statutory period was 01/17/2002. The required reply is attached to this petition. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. A fee transmittal accompanies this petition to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2546 for Medtronic, Inc. the appropriate fee.

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